Nepal Oil Corporation

3608. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of outstanding dues against the Nepal Oil Corporation for supply of petroleum products as on the 31st March, 2007;

(b) whether Government had decided to restrict the supply of petroleum products to the Nepal Oil Corporation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made to get the outstanding dues cleared from the Nepal Oil Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has reported that the outstanding dues owed by Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) as on 31st March, 2007 was Rs. 287.06 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) IOC is continuously following-up with NOC for payment of outstanding dues at various levels.

Computer Chips to check LPG adulteration

†3609. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of complaints received by Government regarding adulteration in LPG cylinders/under-weight cylinders during the years 2005 and 2006;

(b) whether Government are contemplating on using computer chips to keep a check on adulteration in LPG cylinders/under-weight cylinders;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on this scheme; and

(e) who will bear the expenditure to be incurred on the scheme whether it will be Government/company or the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not reported any complaints regarding adulteration in LPG cylinders in the country during the years 2005 and 2006. However, OMCs have reported 79 and 56 cases of supply of underweight cylinders to consumers by their LPG distributors during the year 2005 and 2006 respectively. Action is taken against the erring distributors by OMCs in accordance with the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

(b) to (e) The proposal to introduce computer chips *i.e.* Radio Frequency Indentification (RFID) system for checking the diversion of domestic cylinder has not been firmed up yet.

One LPG refill in 21 Days

†3610. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of availability of LPG in the country;

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